

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION

PERMIT NO.: ST-9251

**APPLICANT: BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE
 902 BATTELLE BLVD, MSINP7-75
 RICHLAND, WA 99352**

Battelle Memorial Institute has applied for a new State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST-9251 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Chapter 173-216 Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended.

Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit will be developed which would allow the discharge of non-contact cooling water with additives with a daily maximum of 100,000 gallons per day from its Richland Research Complex Cooling Ponds and Irrigation System located at 902 Battelle Blvd., Richland, Washington. All discharges to be in compliance with the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Standards for a permit to be issued.

The Department of Ecology has determined that it will take no further action on this application at this time. The application and all attachments, submitted June 23, 2004 and accepted June 28, 2004, will become a "temporary permit" effective 30 days following the final date of this notice. Operation consistent with the application and attachments shall be authorized for a period up to five years or until Ecology issues a formal permit.

A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The application and other related documents are available at the Department's Central Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Central Regional Office, please call Cindy Huwe at 509/457-7105, e-mail chuw461@ecy.wa.gov, or write to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted by September 3, 2004 (within 30 days of the final date of publication of this notice) to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to: Department of Ecology, Central Regional Office, 15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200, Yakima, WA 98902, Attention: Cindy Huwe. E-mail comments should be sent to Cindy Huwe at chuw461@ecy.wa.gov.

Publication dates of this Notice are July 26, and August 3, 2004.

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The request should be sent to the above address. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. The Department is an equal opportunity agency. If you have a special accommodation needs, please contact Cindy Huwe at 509/457-7105 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at 1-800-833-6388.